

# EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

## OPERATING GUIDELINES – Bariatric Gurney



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### PURPOSE

The following guideline is intended to avoid confusion when requesting the Bariatric Gurney for patient transportation.

### GENERAL STATEMENTS

The bariatric gurney provides an extra heavy duty reinforced stretcher frame, litter top, fowler back rest and side rails for maximum stability for the transport of the larger patient that would exceed the requirements of our normal transport gurney. Currently the department only has one of these gurneys available and it is located at Station 294.

### PROCEDURE

In the event that the bariatric gurney is found to be required for the transportation of a patient the following protocol shall apply:

- R-294 shall be dispatched to the scene with the bariatric gurney
- Since the engine or ladder crew has already developed patient report and treatment plan the engine or ladder medic shall continue patient care and ride in with the bariatric rescue and the engine or ladder shall follow to the receiving facility to provide lifting assistance.
- If R-294 is not available then the EMS crew on scene will page out another rescue to go to Station 294 and obtain the bariatric gurney and report for transport.
- The order of the rescue to page out shall be based upon the closest available rescue to Station 294
- At no time is any rescue to be out of service simply because they have the bariatric gurney on board

This procedure streamlines the process of switching out gurneys between units and that the rescue with the bariatric gurney will have left their original gurney at Station 294 and this will facilitate with equipment retrieval.